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Happy New Banner to All of You!



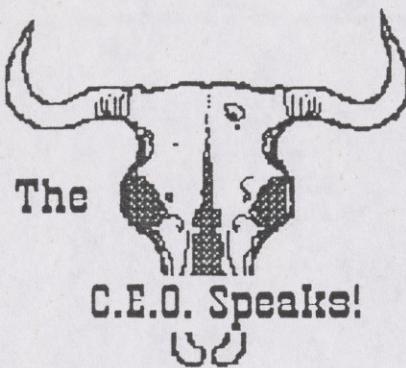
*Come On,
Let's Dance!*

A large, colorful mockup of the banner design to the left was unveiled at the Beginners Hoedown and Potluck held Saturday, December 9th at the William Land School in Sacramento. Designed by Basic class member David Levy and selected by the CCS Board of Directors out of all the entries submitted as the most beautiful, the newly designed banner should do us proud at the IAGSDC Convention in Vancouver and at other CCS square dance functions.

David's design was applauded by almost one hundred people at the most successful CCS hoedown ever. At one time there were nine squares dancing to the excellent calling of Joe Kula. The weather was cold, the room was warm, and the energy level was high, aided and abetted by almost three squares of visitors from the Bay Area and Eureka.

Caller Joe Kula and his charming wife seemed to have a good time calling for a gay square dance hoedown. In fact, by the end of the evening he was swishing. The beginners class was given a good workout, and the plus star tips were challenging and fun for the more experienced dancers. Amid good natured boozing, CCS Basic-Mainstream instructor and caller Karl Murray won \$55 from the 50/50 drawing.

Many thanks to Joe, all visitors, and CCS members who attended. I think we all had a great time.



The waning year. Not a time of melancholy — not for me — too much excitement ahead. Sure, it ain't all roses (and even roses have thorns), but it's lookin' good.

We've got our new class comin' along — nearly all are lookin' good: the club is strong and looking toward a better horizon. Lots of things have happened, lots to do yet. (if I sound like George Bush, I apologize ...) I'm in a positive trend

My apologies to Foggy City Dancers for confusing them with Western Star Dancers. I hear more than a few folks had a laugh over that. Me? When I heard, I just shrugged my shoulders and drooled on myself. My error notwithstanding, that anniversary hoedown November 4th was outstanding! Again, I apologize — but then I have to do SOMETHING to convince you I'm not perfect! [George's mistake is excusable; after all, all those bay area people do look alike! In the last issue I accused some WSD members of having "attitudinal problems." I have since been informed that the people I was referring to were not WSD members. Hence, I also apologize, only this time to WSD! Ed.]

We've had a great fall — and are heading from a fantastic beginning

to ... the Gay Nineties. Coming up in spring: another hoedown in Feb, the Convention in April, our retreat at the end of April, and a hoedown in June. See the kinda fun in the near future.

Between her 'n' there, Happy Holidays! (Have a great time, eat a lot, and come back to dance it off in January!) I want to take this time to say thanks to all of you — for your support, your caring, most of all — your friendship. At the end of each week that helps me look forward to the next week. I enjoy having fun with all of you with each of you!

See ya dancin'
— George



William Christopher Quinn

June 7, 1951
to December 8, 1989

We are better people
for having had the
privilege of knowing
him.

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December Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 1989

The meeting was held at Karl and David's home. The decorations were "beary" festive. The meeting began at 7:13 pm. Those in attendance were Mary Jo, Rick, Bill, Kenric, George, Kris, Cindy, Karl, and David.

The first item of business was to select our new banner design. We appreciated all the designs that were submitted for consideration. We did select a "winner." It will be available for viewing at the hoedown, Saturday, December 9th. Congratulations to David Levy for submitting the winning design!

Speaking of the dance, George checked with all responsible for it, and things are going smoothly. Karl will let Joe Kula (the caller) know what call the new class is on.

We all agreed that the birthday social was well received by the club. We hope to be able to announce birthday celebrants next month.

We have been asked to help organize a "rooming" list for dancers headed for Vancouver. We are willing to start a list, but the dancers will be responsible for contacting each other and making their own rooming arrangements. Karl will try to see if cheaper group rates for travelling are available and what the requirements are.

Mary Jo announced that the club has approximately \$3100 in the

bank. With this good news, we urged Karl to find a new sound system ASAP.

The board then went on to discuss offering a "scholarship" to attend the callers class at the convention.

It was decided to announce that we are willing to pay for this class if anyone is seriously interested in attending it.

We had a brief discussion about our Wednesday Fun Night dancing. Bill will be writing an editorial about it. We would like to remind everyone that it is to be a "non-teaching" fun night. We hope that more of our dancers will participate.

The board talked about "angels" and some of the things they need to be aware of. Kenric suggested that offering praise for remembering calls would be helpful. All dancers should try to read their call book once in a while.

Kris and Cindy asked if the club could do something for the Children's Receiving Home in memory of Joel Dawes. After a brief discussion the board decided to donate \$300 to the Home in his and Roy's name. Next year we will ask our members to donate gifts instead of doing our fun gift exchange. Mary Jo volunteered to contact the Home about this year's donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next one TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

— Cindy



It Is That Time of Year!

Do you find yourself thinking you are just too busy and you have over-committed yourself? There are the this and thats, plus all the whatevers, going on.

And now you Basic dancers have committed to one night a week. And maybe you wonder if it is worth the frustration and aggravation — questioning whether you will ever "get it" and not screw up. And now you are deciding whether you should just say "the hell with it" and not come back after the Holiday Break.

This time of year seems always to bring a natural lull in classes' progression. A kind of plateau has been reached and it is difficult to stay motivated to keep going.

Please, please don't get discouraged — don't stop now! Talk to any of us "older" club members — we will assure you that we all have wondered at some point if it was "worth it." (We were all beginners at one time, too.) And we will tell you that, yes, it is — and are glad we stuck with it. (And remember that regardless of what level you attain, there are always going to be those better than you, and you will always be better than some others.)

There is a lot of fun ahead for you. Stay with us!

— Michael Jon Foft

Vancouver Convention

I am writing this mainly to the Basic class and those of you who have never attended a Gay Square Dancers Convention. Please seriously consider trying to attend this event — you'll not be disappointed!

During our first year of dancing, Bill and I discussed whether we should go to the Phoenix Convention. Were we ready, were we good enough, would we embarrass ourselves and the club??? Well, we went and had a ball! Thanks to the able teaching of Karl, assisted by Kris and Robin, we were confident and comfortable (some were better than us, but we were a hell of a lot better than many).

The energy level, the enthusiasm, the charisma, the camaraderie are a natural high. The callers attending are the absolute best available in North America — it is a thrill to dance to them. You'll meet and make friends with members from other clubs and will nurture these friendships at subsequent events throughout the years.

The opening festivities' Grand March is a tingle-ing emotional wonder shared with 700 others in the same room. You feel so proud to be a part of it!

So, start to plan your vacation time, save some money, do whatever necessary (beg, borrow — don't steal, but sell your body?) to get to Vancouver.

We assure you that you will have one of the greatest times of your life!

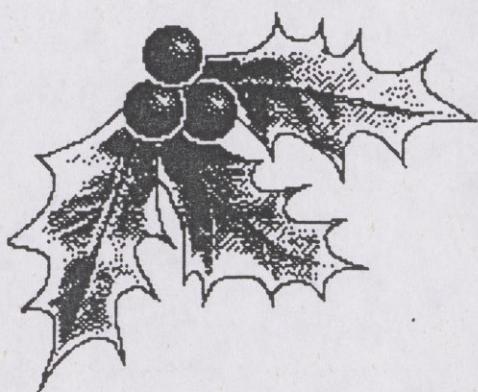
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Upcoming Events

Phoenix Fly-In and Gay Rodeo	January 12-14
WSD Marin Headlands Mini-Retreat 1990	January 27-28
CCS Workshops and Hoedown	February 10
Tinseltown's Flip Your Diamonds Fly-In	February 16-19
Swing Thru Portland	April 6-8
Move On To Seattle	April 9-11
IAGSDC Convention in Vancouver, B.C.	April 12-15
CCS Russian River Retreat	April 27-29
CCS Graduation Workshops and Hoedown	June 9



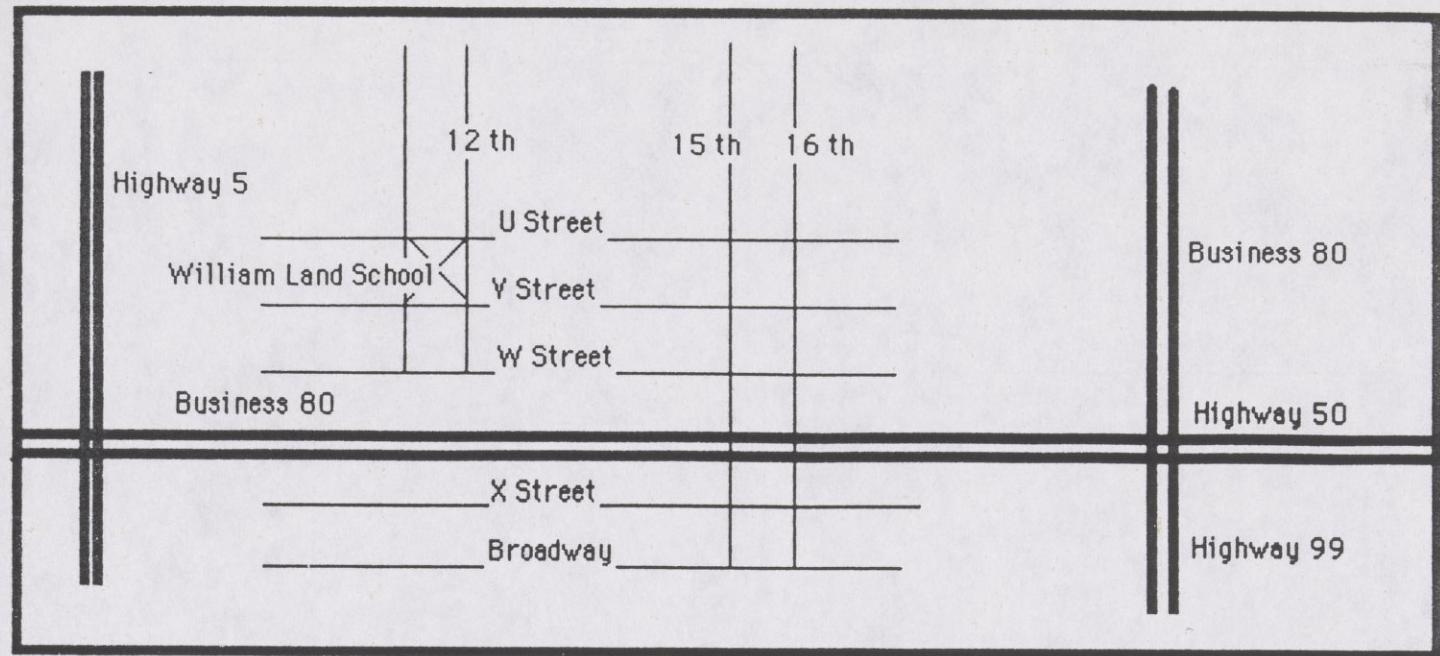
December Birthdays



Judy Chynoweth	12/2
Terry1 Todd	12/4
Jim Sneed	12/5
Rory Jones	12/9
Dean Willis	12/10
Don Unruh	12/21
Dameon Walker	12/22
Greg Friel	12/23
Kas Christopher	12/27
Rick Arts	12/28
David Evans	12/30

December 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FCD Club Night 7:00-9:00 The Corral SF	Prime 8's 6:30-9:30 Wm Land School	CCS Class Night 7-10 Wm Land School	ECR 7:30-9:30 St. Andrews Church Palo Alto	FCD Club Night 7:00-9:00 The Corral SF		Beginners Class Hoedown & Pot Luck 5-10 Wm Land School
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17	Because Michael and Bill are in Hawaii, there will be no square dancing until January 2, 1990.					22
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